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A wee bit Irish

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day. A few St. Patty's Day celebrators enjoy the view of the world's shortest day parade Saturday afternoon. This year the parade took place a day before the holiday because it landed on a Sunday.

LAURA RIEDEL/
Chief Photographer



Bars see floods of people, green beer

CYNTHIA HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF
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COPY ASSISTANT

St. Patrick's Day may have fallen on a Sunday, yet people didn't seem to notice the days passing all weekend.

Outback manager Jeff Vanfosson said he thought the crowd in his bar was the same, but the crowd for the parade differed from last year.

"I thought it would be bigger this year because (the parade) was on a Saturday," he said. "From noon on there was a con-

stant stream of people in and out."

The constant crowd caused the Outback to use all of its bouncers and all the staff worked double shifts.

Extra hours of work didn't stop the enthusiasm created on St. Patrick's Day. "It's totally out of control but in a good way," Vanfosson said. "There are only three big weekends that we look forward to — Homecoming, Work Weekend and St. Patrick's Day."

He said The Outback went through more than 20 kegs of green beer and sold more than 250 cases of beer.

However, all that beer and partying

added up to quite a few alcohol offenses, according to Maryville Public Safety.

There was a 50 percent increase, from four to eight, of minor in possession citations distributed this year compared to last year. There was also a large increase in disorderly conduct citations, from one to eight. However, there was a drop in the number of Driving While Intoxicated citations from two to one.

"I believe we were busier (this year)," Lt. Ron Christian said. "It was possibly due to the nice weather."

The campus only experienced two alcohol-related incidents.

"Saturday night and Sunday were actually pretty quiet because most people were downtown," Sgt. Neil McMullen, Campus Safety officer, said. "However, Friday night we did give one MIP citation and there was one DWI."

The World's Shortest Parade took place Saturday in front of The Palms on Buchanan.

One planner for the parade said this year's crowd was better than last year's.

"Last year we had some very unruly people come to the parade," Maryville resident Richard Flannagan said. "This year went more smoothly."

Court, family awaits man's plea on crime

Four charges filed against man claims sexual assault to child

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Judge Glen Dietrich ruled Wednesday that there was enough evidence to send an 18-year-old to trial for charges of rape against a 2-year-old girl.

Christopher A. Trueblood, a Maryville High School senior, has been charged with felony statutory rape, felony sodomy, felony assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, said the man was charged on Feb. 19 for an incident that happened Feb. 16.

Trueblood was babysitting a 2-year-old girl and a 10-month-old baby when he allegedly raped and assaulted the 2-year-old.

"The assault charge indicates serious physical injury was done to the child," Baird said. "The charges mean the child was hit and struck."

Baird said the rape and sodomy charges indicate the man allegedly had sexual intercourse with the girl. Baird said this most likely caused injury to the girl as well.

"Depending on what you call serious, the man having intercourse with a girl of that age would cause serious injury," he said. Trueblood does not have a background of deviant behavior, and Baird said there is no reason to think he is mentally unbalanced.

"To this point, he has not filed anything pointing to mental disease or deficiency," Baird said.

Linda Morlock and Lisa King took the stand Wednesday as witnesses for the prosecution during the preliminary hearing in which Dietrich ruled there was sufficient evidence against Trueblood to send him to trial on all four charges.

Trueblood will be in court on Monday for his arraignment. The arraignment will be handled in Division I Circuit Court.

Trueblood is currently being held by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department on a \$25,000 bond.

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David Baird
prosecuting attorney

Faculty earn rewards

Changes in requirements allow for easier transitions

KEITH RYDBERG
COPY ASSISTANT

All good managers reward their employees for exemplary performance on the job, and Northwest is no exception.

Ten faculty members received promotions, two members were granted tenure, two members were approved for educational leaves and four members were approved for sabbatical leave in a closed session Board of Regents meeting, which took place March 12.

Receiving a promotion requires several qualifications. To be an instructor, one must have an earned master's degree as well as a teaching certificate. This year was the first in which a

doctorate was required for the position of assistant professor. However, a minimum of eight years of "exemplary service" are also required.

An associate professor requires the same abilities plus a doctorate degree, but applicants must have also completed at least six years of teach-

ing experience in the rank of assistant professor or above at either Northwest or another "regionally accredited institution of higher education." They must also have taught at least three years at Northwest.

A professional candidate must

have completed at least five years of teaching experience in the rank of associate professor and must have a doctorate degree. They must also have taught a minimum of three years at Northwest.

Procedures for tenure are less optional. Ruhl said faculty on tenure track appointment must apply for tenure after six years of service at Northwest with the evaluation taking place during the seventh year of employment. However, faculty members who have taught at other colleges may negotiate for up to two years of credit toward their tenure.

"(The tenure approval) is more of a guarantee of continuing service," Ruhl said.

Assistant Professors:
Linda Frye, accounting, economics and finance; Laura Widmer, mass communications

Associate Professors:
Ernest Kramer, music; Janet Reusser, health, physical, recreation and dance; Kim Spradling, art; Michael Wilson, accounting, economics and finance

Professors:
Robert Dewhurst, government; June McDonald, music; Max Ruhl, educational leadership; Stephen Town, music

Tenure:
Max Ruhl, educational leadership; Patricia Bowers-Schultz, music;

Educational Leave of Absence:
Christel Ortmann, modern languages; Kenneth White, mass communications

Educational Leave of Absence:
Richard Fruct, history/humanities; Craig Goad, English; Kathie Leeper, communication and theater arts; Roy Leeper, communication and theater arts

Couple finds closeness at work

Dave and Carol Gieseke share experiences at home, office with only a wall to separate them

GENE CASSELL
CAMPUS SPORTS EDITOR



Imagine being one of the 27 married couples on the Northwest campus. Although each of them is separated by a short walk across campus, none of them are as close as the six-inch wall that separates Dave and Carol Gieseke from one another.

Dave and Carol work in the office of public relations; Dave is the director of news and information while Carol handles the publications

work that PR requires.

But working side-by-side on campus is nothing new to the Giesekes; they met here almost 20 years ago.

As freshmen, both were interested in working for student publications. Dave was the 1980 editor in chief of *Tower* yearbook and Carol was the managing editor that same year.

"We met the first week of school (as freshmen) and became really good friends," Carol said. "We didn't see anyone we liked any better so we got married."

They were married in 1980 upon Carol's graduation with a degree in English/Journalism.

After Dave graduated, also with a degree in journalism, the couple started on the job search, a search that led them to Carrollton. Dave landed a job at the *Carrollton Daily Democrat* and Carol worked in nearby Waverly at the *Waverly Times*. Both papers were owned by the same chain.

"It was a challenge (to find two jobs after graduation)," Carol said. "If we were to leave here, it would be a huge challenge to find two jobs as good as the ones we have here because we both have about an equal commitment to our careers."

After living in Carrollton, the Giesekes went to a newspaper in Oak Grove. At this newspaper, Carol worked in editorial while Dave sold ads. Coincidentally, it was an ad in the newspaper that brought



CHRIS GALITZ/Photography Director

Office romance. Dave and Carol Gieseke brainstorm story ideas for "Northwest This Week." The

couple first met when they were students at Northwest working on student publications.

the Northwest alums back to Maryville.

While living in Blue Springs and working at the *Oak Grove Banner* in Oak Grove, they saw an ad listing an opening in Northwest's Publications office. The person who originally held the position was pregnant and was leaving the area.

"When I was a student here, I thought that would be a neat job to have," Carol said. "So I applied and got it. Dave was willing enough to come up here with me."

For the past 14 years, the Giesekes have been at Northwest.

Carol has held the same position as the publications director and Dave stepped into his current position four years later. Dave had a two-year stint prior to his hiring as the University's photographer.

The man who hired both of them into their positions was former publications officer Bob Henry, who said they were a "marvelous team."

"I was always amazed how well they worked together," Henry said. "There is that stereotype that married couples can't work together. They were able to work so harmoniously together. It boggled my mind that they worked together so well."

Lisa Klindt, a journalism major who works in the PR office, said it is not obvious the Giesekes are married.

"The way they work together is interesting," Klindt said. "You would not know they were married. You would know they were discussing work. But these two, knowing each other as well as they do, it makes it fun in the office and livens it up by making fun of each other."

The student-employees who work in the office also add to the light-hearted atmosphere by call

Our View

Telecommunications bill creates frightening world

Imagine a world in which the word "abortion" was banned. Or one in which information on AIDS or teen pregnancy was restricted. Sound like 1940s Germany? Nope — under the provisions of a recently passed Telecommunications Bill, this is in danger of becoming the world of cyberspace.

Among other things, the bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton Feb. 9, makes it a crime to knowingly transmit "indecent" material over the Internet that could be viewed by a minor. Those found guilty could face up to two years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000.

Actually, the intention of the bill is honorable: to prevent children from seeing "cyber-smut." Recently, parents have been up in arms because little Johnny and Susie could be seeing pornography.

However, the problem with this bill is that in prohibiting access to children, the government must do the same to adults who have the right to see it.

Besides, "indecent" is such a vague concept that anything could fall under it. In a worst-case scenario, information and education about AIDS or

abortion could be restricted because of its nature. Instead of an age of banned books, it will be one of banned disks.

Another problem concerning this bill is its enforcement. How does the government expect overworked computing administrators to constantly monitor the content of the Internet? The Web changes every day; what is there

one day could be gone the next. If people want to see "indecent" material, they will be able to. Your children will probably still be able to view the same material under this bill if they really want to.

If this bill doesn't work, what will? Ultimately it comes down to personal and parental responsibility. It is the parents' duty to see that their children know what is acceptable.

Obviously, this plan is not perfect either. New technology seems to create more problems than it solves. However, we cannot allow the government, out of fear, to place a chokehold on the Internet. By allowing this precedent, we are opening the door to something more frightening than pornography — the end of free speech.

CAMPUS EDITORIAL



Our View

V-chip allows parents ability to make choices

When it comes to educating children, it cannot always be taken for granted that parents will be the ones to teach the lessons.

In a perfect world, parents would be at the sides of their children, reinforcing positive morals and standards of living.

Parents should be solely responsible of what their children view on television. If a program is too violent or risqué, the parent should make the decision to change the channel.

The question is, though, what about those families where both parents work or single-parent families where the parent cannot always be there?

The government has proposed a solution to this dilemma — the violence chip, or v-chip.

This new development in technology allows parents to monitor their children's viewing habits without even

being there. The v-chip can block out questionable programming, which the parents choose — not the government or the TV industry.

One of the main concerns of working parents today is that they cannot provide constant monitoring for their children and regulate everything they see or hear. The v-chip is a viable solution to a problem created by our fast-paced and technologically advanced world.

Some critics and comedians have criticized the v-chip because, as they say, the parents don't need a tiny chip to block channels — all they need is an off button. Right. Tell that to parents who are at work until 5 or 6 p.m. while their teen-age children are home from school. Who is there — who can afford to be there — to turn off the television? Now, parents have an electronic and necessary babysitter.

CITY EDITORIAL



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My Turn

Presidential race resembles circus act

It's circus time. Yes folks, this year's presidential race is gearing up to be literally a full-fledged circus.

Now, with the addition of Ross Perot to the presidential race, we even have a clown, strategically placed in the circus act for laughs. I just think Perot is taking a few too many vitamins. Either that or his vocal chords are implanted with Energizer batteries.

Of course, we cannot forget about Bob Dole. So much for the young vibrant Republicans. So much for this revolution we have heard so much about. I have the perfect pick for a running mate. Why not South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond? After all, he is only 90+ and still running strong. I am sure those two would have all the solutions for this country. They have only been in Washington since the Resurrection.

But the race gets better. Hiel Pat Buchanan. Oh GEEZ. Where do I start with this lunatic? This man does the opposite of Teddy Roosevelt's saying "speak softly and carry a big stick." He calls himself a populist, which is just another name for a liberal. All the while, he seems to be more concerned with how people live their personal lives. Pat is



CHRIS TRIEBSCH

Election 1996 contains disappointing, amusing array of candidates

talking about running as an independent. Who knows why. Maybe he thinks he can give Dole a heart attack and miraculously pull away with the Republican nomination.

Then we have my favorite candidate — President Clinton. Of course, I am being sarcastic. How can anyone support this do-nothing president? He is like an overinflated weasel. The man speaks out of both sides of his mouth. What has he accomplished? Liberals, don't blame the Republicans. That is just another sorry excuse for your failed philosophies.

Looking at this year's candidates can be a little mind-boggling. But, I plan on taking Molly Ivins advice — I am just going to have fun. You may call me cynical, but so be it. With our array of candidates, who bear striking similarities to the characters in Star Trek, how can you not be cynical?

On a serious note, we may have lost our most viable candidate when retired Gen. Colin Powell opted not to run. Who can blame him really? Imagine the mud that would have been slung on him during the race for the Republican nomination. Powell is much to dignified to play those games.

But reluctantly, because I believe it is our responsibility to become involved, I will support Bob Dole. At least he claims (sometimes) to stand for the same things I do. If he follows the conservative philosophy of less government interference in our daily lives, he will be all right. But we cannot have the wishy-washy Dole that we have seen so much of.

Just like in the real circus, elephants will continue to be my favorite part of the act.

Chris Triebsch is the assignment managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Shrewdness & Rudeness

County would benefit from higher pay

It seems as though we're living in some pretty pathetic economic times in northwest Missouri.

That's if you consider that a new bill in the Missouri legislature will either be the save-all or end-all of happiness and contentment for folks up here in the boonies.

It's called Senate Bill 856, and it would raise the hourly minimum wage rate to \$6.25 by January 1997.

The rate would increase by 25 cents per year the following two years, and after the year 2000, the rate would be increased by 15 cents every year thereafter.

The new minimum wage rate would be a small increase for people who work in Kansas City or central Missouri, but for those of us in Nodaway County, it would mean a big boost in pay to just about every hard worker around.

Pretty pathetic, huh?

You see, Nodaway County boasts a low unemployment rate—county leaders say it's the lowest in the state—but somehow leaders neglect to mention that salaries and pay are at the bottom of the barrel. Oops.

So this minimum wage increase would be a great thing, right?

Wrong, say proponents of the bill, such as state Sen. Sam Graves.

His column in the *Maryville Daily Forum* suggests that such a measure would raise prices, cut jobs and, in some extreme cases, "blacken the sun."

He also says most people who work for



DERRICK BARKER

Increases in minimum wage are needed as prices continue to rise

minimum wage are teen-agers and those not in the poverty level. Supposedly, he means that people who work at the local fast food joints love their jobs and don't deserve a pay raise.

Of course, he does make a point about the state of our economy. If the minimum wage rate does increase, employers would most likely increase their prices to make up for lost profits.

But before you start hopping a ride on the conservative bandwagon and denounce this piece of legislation, ask yourself these questions:

• If the minimum wage was lower than \$4.25 per hour—which has been federal law since 1991—would people be making as much as they are now?

• If unemployment is so low and the economy is so stable, how can a minimum wage rate increase have such nasty consequences?

• If businesses are already understaffed as it is, how can employers afford to cut jobs to make up for the wage increase?

• If teen-agers don't need a raise in pay, why does college tuition continue to move out of financial reach for more and more young people?

Tough questions? Perhaps.

The biggest question of them all is *why* not raise the pay for people who work at crummy jobs for or slightly above minimum wage?

Again, Graves and people like him say it won't solve the problem. But what other solutions are there?

In his column, Graves said work training programs and more economic development are the answers. Thanks, Sam. Big help.

But while Graves has been preoccupied with building his career in Jefferson City, perhaps he should've been listening to those up here in constituentland who have watched prices go up and their pay go nowhere.

Then again, there's plenty of conservatives like him who would say that getting a pay raise via the state government is pretty pathetic.

They're right of course. It is pathetic.

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CommunityTurn

'Children are priceless human beings'

"Raise your hand if you believe that children are priceless and precious human beings." Some people raised their hands hesitantly as if it were a trick or strange statement.

The speaker continued to discuss that our children are our most valuable resources, more important than economic development, more important than technology, more important than agriculture and more important than oil. Today's children will soon grow to become decision makers and caretakers of all these other things as we move aside and entrust our world to them.

Nearly all people realize the obvious truth in the statement that children are people, and yet, in practice we sometimes forget that children have thoughts, feelings, desires and dreams all their own. Thus, one point is clear: "Children must come first." Policymakers simply must look beyond the schoolhouse door and consider what is happening to the whole child.

Ernest Boyer, from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, published a seven-step strategy to ensure learning readiness for all the nation's children. Taken together, the following recommendations comprise a comprehensive plan aimed at achieving the nation's No. 1 education goal — by the year 2000, all children will come to school "ready to learn."

1. A Healthy Start

- Today's students are tomorrow's parents; every school district in this country should offer all students a new health course called "The Life Cycle," with study units threaded through every grade.

- A network of neighborhood-based Ready-to-Learn Clinics should be established in every community across the country to ensure access to basic health care for all mothers and preschool children.

2. Empowered Parents

- Every child should live in a language-rich environment in which parents speak frequently to their children, listen carefully to their re-



BOB LEWIS

Communities should find creative ways to promote school readiness, develop strategies to make changes

sponses, answer questions and read aloud to them every day.

- A comprehensive parent education program should be established in every state to guarantee that all mothers and fathers of preschool children have access to such a service.

3. Quality Preschool

- Every school district in the nation should establish a preschool program as an optional service for all 3- and 4-year-olds not participating in Head Start.

- A National Forum on Child-Care Standards should be convened by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Forum's recommendation should be adopted by all states, so that by the year 2000 every day-care center in the country is licensed to meet these standards.

4. A Responsive Workplace

- Parents of preschool children should be given at least two parenting days off each year, with pay, to visit with their children in day-care and preschool programs, and to consult with

their children's teachers.

- A national clearinghouse should be established, perhaps by the National Alliance of Business, to help employers promote family-friendly work policies.

5. Television as Teachers

- Each of the major commercial networks — CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox — should offer, at an appropriate time, at least one hour of preschool educational programming every week.

- Companies producing and selling products geared to young children — toys, breakfast cereals, fast foods — should help underwrite quality educational television for preschoolers.

6. Neighborhoods for Learning

- Every major shopping mall should include in its facility a Ready-to-Learn Center, an inviting, creative space where young children can engage in play and learning.

- A network of well-designed outdoor and indoor parks should be created in every community to give preschoolers opportunities for exercise and exploration.

7. Connections Across the Generations

- Schools, day-care centers and retirement villages should design programs to bring young and old together, building bridges across the generations.

- Every community should organize a series of intergenerational projects called "Grand Days," where, perhaps senior citizens can engage in activities with young children.

We are confident that with the right blend of commitment and imagination, America can come together once again. Every community needs to find creative ways to promote school readiness and develop strategies that will make a difference for the nation — and most especially for children.

Bob Lewis is the principal at Eugene Field Elementary School.

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CommunityTurn

Senate plans for upcoming events

The year has provided us with many challenges and opportunities, which we have gladly and wholeheartedly accepted. We hope that we can end the semester with a bang.

With such events as Northwest Week, Earth Week and the blood drive all rapidly approaching, we are sure to end our year on a positive and successful note.

Northwest Week, April 15-19, is sure to be an exciting and fun-filled celebration. The week is being kicked off with the Student-Faculty Hog Roast at the Bell Tower on Monday, April 15.

Also on Monday is the Delta Zeta Big Man on Campus competition, which will take place at 7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Tower Service Awards are on Wednesday in the University Conference Center. The Tower Queen will be crowned at the Bell Tower on Wednesday as well.

As the action continues, the Second Annual Marypalloza will be Thursday's highlight, with a multitude of bands and the fan-favorite carnival.

Student Senate elections will take place Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, via the computer. Candidates will be campaigning



DEB SMITH

Northwest Week, Marypalloza, Tower Service Awards, blood drive round out year

throughout the week. There is still plenty of time to become involved. Senate is always looking for enthusiastic and aspiring leaders! Come by the office on the second floor of the Student Union for more information.

In conjunction with Northwest Week, Senate is also promoting a cleaner, safer environment through its involvement with Earth Week. There will be several events focusing on our environ-

ment and the impact humans have upon it. Northwest is our home, not just our school and it is our responsibility to treat it as such. We encourage everyone to join in the fun and become more Earth-conscious.

On Monday, Senate is sponsoring its semi-annual blood drive. We hope to reach our goal of 200 units this year. Please call 562-1218 to support this worthwhile endeavor and give the gift of life.

With the semester quickly coming to an end, we at Student Senate would like to take this time to express our pride at having had the opportunity to serve you this year, and we hope that the past school year has been as fulfilling for you as it has been for all of us.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events and thank you for your continued support. We urge everyone to show your interest in the Northwest community by coming to Student Senate meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the University Club North in the Student Union.

Deb Smith is the executive vice president for Student Senate.

YourTurn

Do you think the v-chip will be successful? Why or why not?



Sarah Graham
Neb's worker

"I don't really think it is necessary. I guess I feel like the parents should have control over what their children watch. They should be close enough to their children to realize what they are watching."



Dave Clements
Neb's engineer

"I think the v-chip will probably help, but I think ultimately the censorship that the v-chip represents should be in the hands of the parents of the children."



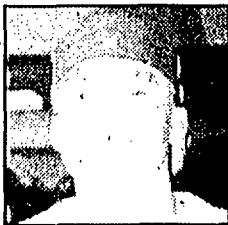
Ame Atkins
certified nurses aid

"I think the parents should have the responsibility because it's their kids. If they want their kids to watch it, then they can watch it. If they don't, then they don't need to watch it."



Tena Barrett
office information systems major

"No, I don't think so because if parents care enough to program it that way, they probably care enough about their kids to watch what they are doing anyway without the v-chip."



Jason Hayles
finance major

"I don't feel the v-chip will be very effective because kids are going to find a way to watch any show they want to watch."



Sarah Scott
finance major

"It is a good idea because I think violence and crime have corrupted kids because they don't need to be seeing that on television. Wait until they get to an age where they are mature enough to understand what is going on."



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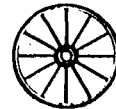
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Calendar

Thursday, March 21

8 a.m. - Spring plant sale in Garrett-Strong
11 a.m. - Kappa Sigma computer dating in the Union
2 p.m. - Men's tennis at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.
8 p.m. - United in Harmony benefit concert in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Friday, March 22

Last day to withdraw from Northwest
Baseball vs. Washburn
8 a.m. - Spring plant sale in Garrett-Strong
3 p.m. - Men's and women's tennis vs. Graceland College at Grube Courts

Saturday, March 23

noon - Baseball vs. Washburn at Bearcat Field
2 p.m. - Softball at Washburn in Topeka, Kan.

Sunday, March 24

noon - Baseball vs. Washburn at Bearcat Field, Softball at Emporia State in Emporia Kan.
7 p.m. - Concert of Brass and Bells in the Mary Linn

Monday, March 25

Student payday
10 a.m. - Blood drive in the Ballroom

Tuesday, March 26

Softball vs. Dana College at Beal Park

Wednesday, March 27

1 p.m. - Baseball vs. Central Methodist at Bearcat Field

Thursday, March 28

Nonfat bake sale in the Garrett-Strong lobby and Administration Building lobby
7 p.m. - Iowa State professor Don Beitz lecture in G-S 219.



Yusef Komunyakaa recites his poem at the Conference center Wednesday night. Some of Komunyakaa's poetry dealt with his childhood, basketball, and the Vietnam war. He is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and is a professor at the University of Indiana. Audience members seemed to enjoy the show.

LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Poet satisfies audience

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The room sat silent as the poet walked to the podium and cleared his throat. When he finally spoke, the words moved the crowd of to listen to his words carefully.

Yusef Komunyakaa presented his poetry Wednesday night in the Taylor Room of the University Conference Center.

Komunyakaa is a 1994 Pulitzer Prize-winning poet who has published several books and is a pro-

fessor at the University of Indiana.

Komunyakaa's poetry is based on his childhood, living in the city and his experiences with the conflict in Vietnam. One of his poems, "Blasphemy," is dedicated to a South African painter who was tried for heresy because of the subject matter in his works.

The audience gave Komunyakaa a standing ovation after the reading. "I like the poems 'The Deck' and 'My Father's Love Letters,'" English professor Greg Roper said.

Many in the audience were hear-

ing Komunyakaa's work for the first time Wednesday.

"I enjoyed it, but I wish I would have been more familiar with his works," English major Deanna Koelliker said.

Despite Komunyakaa's lack of fame in this area, his performance prompted one audience member to want more.

"This is the first time I've heard his poetry, and I'm eager to read more of his work," Dennis Vinzant, Ravenwood High School English teacher said.

Department gains honors

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's foreign language department has gone from a small, overlooked department to a nationally recognized one in a matter of a few years. Now, they are trying to move into the upper echelon of foreign language departments in the nation.

One of the major areas of improvement has come in the German area.

German native and professor Christel Ortmann said the progress the German section of the program has made has been rapid.

"Five years ago, there was no German at Northwest," Ortmann said. "And then, a couple of years ago, they brought me in. The first semester I had one night class with a few stu-

dents. The next semester I had two classes, the next three. It has grown to the point now where we have an actual minor in German."

The German program has been rewarded for its hard work by being granted the right to give the Profung Wirtschaftsdeutsch International certification exam. This exam is recognized worldwide as proof of a student's excellence in the German language and is supervised by the German-American Chamber of Commerce.

Ortmann said Northwest will be the only location to take the exam in the Midwest region.

"We'll be drawing in students from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and all over the Midwest because no one else is certified to give this exam in the region," Ortmann said.

Piano forces delay

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Beautiful music was made and postponed this week.

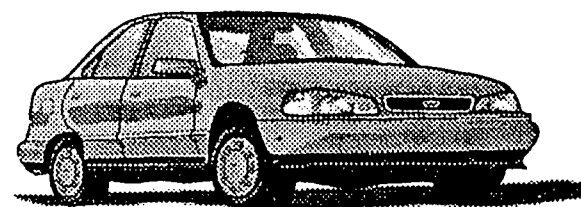
Richard Bobo, professor of music, postponed his recital when the leg on his piano split. He rescheduled for April 3.

Bobo's recital will feature works by Charles Griffes, Muzio Clementi, Claude Debussy and Chopin.

A student recital Sunday will feature students of Bobo and Ernest Kramer, associate professor of music. The students performed piano cycles "Papillons" and "Kinderszenen" written by composer Robert Schumann.

Bobo is currently working on an anthology of intermediate piano studies that can be used at student recitals. It is designed to work out technical problems to help students sound better when they play.

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Blood drive takes place Monday

JENNIE NELSON
CHIEF REPORTER

Students will receive the opportunity to give the "gift of life" as the spring blood drive comes to campus next week.

The annual blood drive will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Michelle Krambeck, Student Senate blood drive chair, said Northwest is expected to provide a lot of blood during the day.

"They expect to get a lot of blood from here," Krambeck said. "We're known of all the colleges to donate the most and we need to give them what they expect."

Students who donate will be eli-

gible to receive prizes from the community, such as free tanning sessions and other local business products, Krambeck said. About two prizes per hour will be drawn.

To donate, students must be at least 17, weigh 100 pounds and not have taken antibiotics within the last seven days or received a tattoo in the last year.

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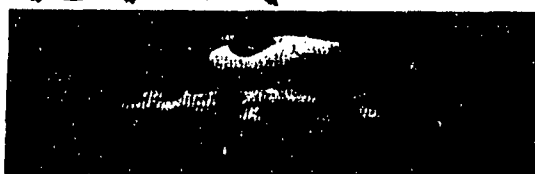
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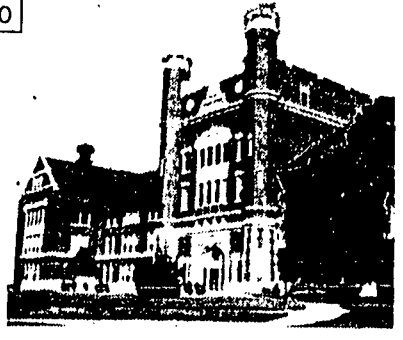
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A wee bit Irish

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day. A few St. Patty's Day celebrators enjoy the view of the world's shortest day parade Saturday afternoon. This year the parade took place a day before the holiday because it landed on a Sunday.

LAURA RIEDEL/
Chief Photographer



Bars see floods of people, green beer

CYNTHIA HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF
JAMIE HATZ
COPY ASSISTANT

St. Patrick's Day may have fallen on a Sunday, yet people didn't seem to notice the days passing all weekend.

Outback manager Jeff Vanfosson said he thought the crowd in his bar was the same, but the crowd for the parade differed from last year.

"I thought it would be bigger this year because (the parade) was on a Saturday," he said. "From noon on there was a con-

stant stream of people in and out."

The constant crowd caused the Outback to use all of its bouncers and all the staff worked double shifts.

Extra hours of work didn't stop the enthusiasm created on St. Patrick's Day. "It's totally out of control but in a good way," Vanfosson said. "There are only three big weekends that we look forward to — Homecoming, Work Weekend and St. Patrick's Day."

He said The Outback went through more than 20 kegs of green beer and sold more than 250 cases of beer.

However, all that beer and partying

added up to quite a few alcohol offenses, according to Maryville Public Safety.

There was a 50 percent increase, from four to eight, of minor in possession citations distributed this year compared to last year. There was also a large increase in disorderly conduct citations, from one to eight. However, there was a drop in the number of Driving While Intoxicated citations from two to one.

"I believe we were busier (this year)," Lt. Ron Christian said. "It was possibly due to the nice weather."

The campus only experienced two alcohol-related incidents.

"Saturday night and Sunday were actually pretty quiet because most people were downtown," Sgt. Neil McMullen, Campus Safety officer, said. "However, Friday night we did give one MIP citation and there was one DWI."

The World's Shortest Parade took place Saturday in front of The Palms on Buchanan.

One planner for the parade said this year's crowd was better than last year's.

"Last year we had some very unruly people come to the parade," Maryville resident Richard Flannagan said. "This year went more smoothly."

Court, family awaits man's plea on crime

Four charges filed against man claims sexual assault to child

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Judge Glen Dietrich ruled Wednesday that there was enough evidence to send an 18-year-old to trial for charges of rape against a 2-year-old girl.

Christopher A. Trueblood, a Maryville High School senior, has been charged with felony statutory rape, felony sodomy, felony assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, said the man was charged on Feb. 19 for an incident that happened Feb. 16.

Trueblood was babysitting a 2-year-old girl and a 10-month-old baby when he allegedly raped and assaulted the 2-year-old.

"The assault charge indicates serious physical injury was done to the child," Baird said. "The charges mean the child was hit and struck."

Baird said the rape and sodomy charges indicate the man allegedly had sexual intercourse with the girl. Baird said this most likely caused injury to the girl as well.

"Depending on what you call serious, the man having intercourse with a girl of that age would cause serious injury," he said. Trueblood does not have a background of deviant behavior, and Baird said there is no reason to think he is mentally unbalanced.

"To this point, he has not filed anything pointing to mental disease or deficiency," Baird said.

Linda Morlock and Lisa King took the stand Wednesday as witnesses for the prosecution during the preliminary hearing in which Dietrich ruled there was sufficient evidence against Trueblood to send him to trial on all four charges.

Trueblood will be in court on Monday for his arraignment. The arraignment will be handled in Division I Circuit Court.

Trueblood is currently being held by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department on a \$25,000 bond.

"The assault charge indicates serious physical injury was done to the child."

David Baird
prosecuting attorney

Faculty earn rewards

Changes in requirements allow for easier transitions

KEITH RYDBERG
COPY ASSISTANT

All good managers reward their employees for exemplary performance on the job, and Northwest is no exception.

Ten faculty members received promotions, two members were granted tenure, two members were approved for educational leaves and four members were approved for sabbatical leave in a closed session Board of Regents meeting, which took place March 12.

Receiving a promotion requires several qualifications. To be an instructor, one must have an earned master's degree as well as a teaching certificate. This year was the first in which a doctorate was required for the position of assistant professor. However, a minimum of eight years of "exemplary service" are also required.

An associate professor requires the same abilities plus a doctorate degree, but applicants must have also completed at least six years of teach-

ing experience in the rank of assistant professor or above at either Northwest or another "regionally accredited institution of higher education." They must also have taught at least three years at Northwest.

A professional candidate must have completed at least five years of teaching experience in the rank of associate professor and must have a doctorate degree. They must also have taught a minimum of three years at Northwest.

Procedures for tenure are less optional. Ruhl said faculty on tenure track appointment must apply for tenure after six years of service at Northwest with the evaluation taking place during the seventh year of employment. However, faculty members who have taught at other colleges may negotiate for up to two years of credit toward their tenure.

"(The tenure approval) is more of a guarantee of continuing service," Ruhl said.

Assistant Professors:
Linda Frye, accounting, economics and finance; Laura Widmer, mass communications

Associate Professors:
Ernest Kramer, music; Janet Reusser, health, physical, recreation and dance; Kim Spradling, art; Michael Wilson, accounting, economics and finance

Professors:
Robert Dewhirst, government; June McDonald, music; Max Ruhl, educational leadership; Stephen Town, music

Tenure:
Max Ruhl, educational leadership; Patricia Bowers-Schultz, music;

Educational Leave of Absence:
Christel Ortmann, modern languages; Kenneth White, mass communications

Educational Leave of Absence:
Richard Fruct, history/humanities; Craig Goad, English; Kathie Leeper, communication and theater arts; Roy Leeper, communication and theater arts

Couple finds closeness at work

Dave and Carol Gieseke share experiences at home, office with only a wall to separate them

GENE CASSELL
CAMPUS SPORTS EDITOR



Imagine being one of the 27 married couples on the Northwest campus. Although each of them is separated by a short walk across campus, none of them are as close as the six-inch wall that separates Dave and Carol Gieseke from one another.

Dave and Carol work in the office of public relations; Dave is the director of news and information while Carol handles the publications

work that PR requires.

But working side-by-side on campus is nothing new to the Giesekes; they met here almost 20 years ago.

As freshmen, both were interested in working for student publications. Dave was the 1980 editor in chief of *Tower* yearbook and Carol was the managing editor that same year.

"We met the first week of school (as freshmen) and became really good friends," Carol said. "We didn't see anyone we liked any better so we got married."

They were married in 1980 upon Carol's graduation with a degree in English/Journalism.

After Dave graduated, also with a degree in journalism, the couple started on the job search, a search that led them to Carrollton. Dave landed a job at the *Carrollton Daily Democrat* and Carol worked in nearby Waverly at the *Waverly Times*. Both papers were owned by the same chain.

"It was a challenge (to find two jobs after graduation)," Carol said. "If we were to leave here, it would be a huge challenge to find two jobs as good as the ones we have here because we both have about an equal commitment to our careers."

After living in Carrollton, the Giesekes went to a newspaper in Oak Grove. At this newspaper, Carol worked in editorial while Dave sold ads. Coincidentally, it was an ad in the newspaper that brought



CHRIS GALITZ/Photography Director

Office romance. Dave and Carol Gieseke brainstorm story ideas for "Northwest This Week." The

couple first met when they were students at Northwest working on student publications.

the Northwest alumni back to Maryville.

While living in Blue Springs and working at the *Oak Grove Banner* in Oak Grove, they saw an ad listing an opening in Northwest's Publications office. The person who originally held the position was pregnant and was leaving the area.

"When I was a student here, I thought that would be a neat job to have," Carol said. "So I applied and got it. Dave was willing enough to come up here with me."

For the past 14 years, the Giesekes have been at Northwest.

Carol has held the same position as the publications director and Dave stepped into his current position four years later. Dave had a two-year stint prior to his hiring as the University's photographer.

The man who hired both of them into their positions was former publications officer Bob Henry, who said they were a "marvelous team."

"I was always amazed how well they worked together," Henry said. "There is that stereotype that married couples can't work together. They were able to work so harmoniously together. It boggled my mind that they worked together so well."

Lisa Klindt, a journalism major who works in the PR office, said it is not obvious the Giesekes are married.

"The way they work together is interesting," Klindt said. "You would not know they were married. You would know they were discussing work. But these two, knowing each other as well as they do, it makes it fun in the office and livens it up by making fun of each other."

The student-employees who work in the office also add to the light-hearted atmosphere by call

Our View

Telecommunications bill creates frightening world

Imagine a world in which the word "abortion" was banned. Or one in which information on AIDS or teen pregnancy was restricted. Sound like 1940s Germany? Nope — under the provisions of a recently passed Telecommunications Bill, this is in danger of becoming the world of cyberspace.

Among other things, the bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton Feb. 9, makes it a crime to knowingly transmit "indecent" material over the Internet that could be viewed by a minor. Those found guilty could face up to two years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000.

Actually, the intention of the bill is honorable: to prevent children from seeing "cyber-smut." Recently, parents have been up in arms because little Johnny and Susie could be seeing pornography.

However, the problem with this bill is that in prohibiting access to children, the government must do the same to adults who have the right to see it.

Besides, "indecent" is such a vague concept that anything could fall under it. In a worst-case scenario, information and education about AIDS or

abortion could be restricted because of its nature. Instead of an age of banned books, it will be one of banned disks.

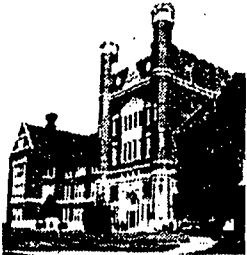
Another problem concerning this bill is its enforcement. How does the government expect overworked computing administrators to constantly monitor the content of the Internet? The Web changes every day; what is there

one day could be gone the next. If people want to see "indecent" material, they will be able to. Your children will probably still be able to view the same material under this bill if they really want to.

If this bill doesn't work, what will? Ultimately it comes down to personal and parental responsibility. It is the parents' duty to see that their children know what is acceptable.

Obviously, this plan is not perfect either. New technology seems to create more problems than it solves. However, we cannot allow the government, out of fear, to place a chokehold on the Internet. By allowing this precedent, we are opening the door to something more frightening than pornography — the end of free speech.

CAMPUS EDITORIAL



Our View

V-chip allows parents ability to make choices

When it comes to educating children, it cannot always be taken for granted that parents will be the ones to teach the lessons.

In a perfect world, parents would be at the sides of their children, reinforcing positive morals and standards of living.

Parents should be solely responsible of what their children view on television. If a program is too violent or risqué, the parent should make the decision to change the channel.

The question is, though, what about those families where both parents work or single-parent families where the parent cannot always be there?

The government has proposed a solution to this dilemma — the violence chip, or v-chip.

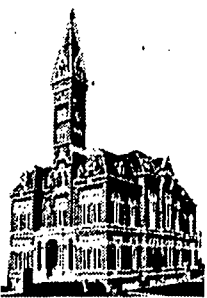
This new development in technology allows parents to monitor their children's viewing habits without even

being there. The v-chip can block out questionable programming, which the parents choose — not the government or the TV industry.

One of the main concerns of working parents today is that they cannot provide constant monitoring for their children and regulate everything they see or hear. The v-chip is a viable solution to a problem created by our fast-paced and technologically advanced world.

Some critics and comedians have criticized the v-chip because, as they say, the parents don't need a tiny chip to block channels — all they need is an off button. Right. Tell that to parents who are at work until 5 or 6 p.m. while their teen-age children are home from school. Who is there — who can afford to be there — to turn off the television? Now, parents have an electronic and necessary babysitter.

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My Turn

Presidential race resembles circus act

It's circus time. Yes folks, this year's presidential race is gearing up to be literally a full-fledged circus.

Now, with the addition of Ross Perot to the presidential race, we even have a clown, strategically placed in the circus act for laughs. I just think Perot is taking a few too many vitamins. Either that or his vocal chords are implanted with Energizer batteries.

Of course, we cannot forget about Bob Dole. So much for the young vibrant Republicans. So much for this revolution we have heard so much about. I have the perfect pick for a running mate. Why not South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond? After all, he is only 90+ and still running strong. I am sure those two would have all the solutions for this country. They have only been in Washington since the Resurrection.

But the race gets better.

Hiel Pat Buchanan. Oh GEEZ. Where do I start with this lunatic? This man does the opposite of Teddy Roosevelt's saying "speak softly and carry a big stick." He calls himself a populist, which is just another name for a liberal. All the while, he seems to be more concerned with how people live their personal lives. Pat is



CHRIS TRIEBSCH

Election 1996 contains disappointing, amusing array of candidates

talking about running as an independent. Who knows why. Maybe he thinks he can give Dole a heart attack and miraculously pull away with the Republican nomination.

Then we have my favorite candidate — President Clinton. Of course, I am being sarcastic. How can anyone support this do-nothing president? He is like an overinflated weasel. The man speaks out of both sides of his mouth. What has he accomplished? Liberals don't blame the Republicans. That is just another sorry excuse for your failed philosophies.

Looking at this year's candidates can be a little mind-boggling. But, I plan on taking Molly Ivins advice — I am just going to have fun. You may call me cynical, but so be it. With our array of candidates, who bear striking similarities to the characters in Star Trek, how can you not be cynical?

On a serious note, we may have lost our most viable candidate when retired Gen. Colin Powell opted not to run. Who can blame him really? Imagine the mud that would have been slung on him during the race for the Republican nomination. Powell is much too dignified to play those games.

But reluctantly, because I believe it is our responsibility to become involved, I will support Bob Dole. At least he claims (sometimes) to stand for the same things I do. If he follows the conservative philosophy of less government interference in our daily lives, he will be all right. But we cannot have the wishy-washy Dole that we have seen so much of.

Just like in the real circus, elephants will continue to be my favorite part of the act.

Chris Triebsch is the assignment managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Shrewdness & Rudeness

County would benefit from higher pay

It seems as though we're living in some pretty pathetic economic times in northwest Missouri.

That's if you consider that a new bill in the Missouri legislature will either be the save-all or end-all of happiness and contentment for folks up here in the boonies.

It's called Senate Bill 856, and it would raise the hourly minimum wage rate to \$6.25 by January 1997.

The rate would increase by 25 cents per year the following two years, and after the year 2000, the rate would be increased by 15 cents every year thereafter.

The new minimum wage rate would be a small increase for people who work in Kansas City or central Missouri, but for those of us in Nodaway County, it would mean a big boost in pay to just about every hard worker around.

Pretty pathetic, huh?

Unemployment rate—county leaders say it's the lowest in the state—but somehow leaders neglect to mention that salaries and pay are at the bottom of the barrel. Oops. So this minimum wage increase would be a great thing, right?

Wrong, say proponents of the bill, such as state Sen. Sam Graves.

His column in the *Maryville Daily Forum* suggests that such a measure would raise prices; cut jobs and, in some extreme cases, "blacken the sun."

He also says most people who work for



DERRICK BARKER

Increases in minimum wage are needed as prices continue to rise

minimum wage are teen-agers and those not in the poverty level. Supposedly, he means that people who work at the local fast food joints love their jobs and don't deserve a pay raise.

Of course, he does make a point about the state of our economy. If the minimum wage rate does increase, employers would most likely increase their prices to make up for lost profits.

But before you start hopping a ride on the conservative bandwagon and denounce this piece of legislation, ask yourself these questions:

• If the minimum wage was lower than \$4.25 per hour—which has been federal law since 1991—would people be making as much as they are now?

• If unemployment is so low and the economy is so stable, how can a minimum wage rate increase have such nasty consequences?

• If businesses are already understaffed as it is, how can employers afford to cut jobs to make up for the wage increase?

• If teen-agers don't need a raise in pay, why does college tuition continue to move out of financial reach for more and more young people?

Tough questions? Perhaps.

The biggest question of them all is why not raise the pay for people who work at crummy jobs for or slightly above minimum wage?

Again, Graves and people like him say it won't solve the problem. But what other solutions are there?

In his column, Graves said work training programs and more economic development are the answers. Thanks, Sam. Big help.

But while Graves has been preoccupied with building his career in Jefferson City, perhaps he should've been listening to those up here in constituentland who have watched prices go up and their pay go nowhere.

Then again, there's plenty of conservatives like him who would say that getting a pay raise via the state government is pretty pathetic.

They're right of course. It is pathetic.

Derrick Barker is a contributing columnist for the Northwest Missourian.

Letters to the Editor

We appreciate all the letters we have received, but please limit your letters to 200 WORDS because of space constraints. We have the right to refuse and to edit letters. Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night home numbers for verification purposes. Send letters to Wells Hall #8 or by E-mail at 0500214.

CommunityTurn

'Children are priceless human beings'

"Raise your hand if you believe that children are priceless and precious human beings." Some people raised their hands hesitantly as if it were a trick or strange statement.

The speaker continued to discuss that our children are our most valuable resources, more important than our economy, more important than technology, more important than agriculture and more important than oil. Today's children will soon grow to become decision makers and caretakers of all these other things as we move aside and entrust our world to them.

Nearly all people realize the obvious truth in the statement that children are people, and yet, in practice we sometimes forget that children have thoughts, feelings, desires and dreams all their own. Thus, one point is clear: "Children must come first." Policymakers simply must look beyond the schoolhouse door and consider what is happening to the whole child.

Ernest Boyer, from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, published a seven-step strategy to ensure learning readiness for all the nation's children. Taken together, the following recommendations comprise a comprehensive plan aimed at achieving the nation's No. 1 education goal — by the year 2000, all children will come to school "ready to learn."

1. A Healthy Start

• Today's students are tomorrow's parents; every school district in this country should offer all students a new health course called "The Life Cycle," with study units threaded through every grade.

• A network of neighborhood-based Ready-to-Learn Clinics should be established in every community across the country to ensure access to basic health care for all mothers and preschool children.

2. Empowered Parents

• Every child should live in a language-rich environment in which parents speak frequently to their children, listen carefully to their re-



BOB LEWIS

Communities should find creative ways to promote school readiness, develop strategies to make changes

sponses, answer questions and read aloud to them every day.

• A comprehensive parent education program should be established in every state to guarantee that all mothers and fathers of preschool children have access to such a service.

3. Quality Preschool

• Every school district in the nation should establish a preschool program as an optional service for all 3- and 4-year-olds not participating in Head Start.

• A National Forum on Child-Care Standards should be convened by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Forum's recommendation should be adopted by all states, so that by the year 2000 every day-care center in the country is licensed to meet these standards.

4. A Responsive Workplace

• Parents of preschool children should be given at least two parenting days off each year, with pay, to visit with their children in day-care and preschool programs, and to consult with

their children's teachers.

• A national clearinghouse should be established, perhaps by the National Alliance of Business, to help employers promote family-friendly work policies.

5. Television as Teachers

• Each of the major commercial networks — CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox — should offer, at an appropriate time, at least one hour of preschool educational programming every week.

• Companies producing and selling products geared to young children — toys, breakfast cereals, fast foods — should help underwrite quality educational television for preschoolers.

6. Neighborhoods for Learning

• Every major shopping mall should include in its facility a Ready-to-Learn Center, an inviting, creative space where young children can engage in play and learning.

• A network of well-designed outdoor and indoor parks should be created in every community to give preschoolers opportunities for exercise and exploration.

7. Connections Across the Generations

• Schools, day-care centers and retirement villages should design programs to bring young and old together, building bridges across the generations.

• Every community should organize a series of intergenerational projects called "Grand Days," where, perhaps senior citizens can engage in activities with young children.

We are confident that with the right blend of commitment and imagination, America can come together once again. Every community needs to find creative ways to promote school readiness and develop strategies that will make a difference for the nation — and most especially for children.

Bob Lewis is the principal at Eugene Field Elementary School.

CommunityTurn

Senate plans for upcoming events

The year has provided us with many challenges and opportunities, which we have gladly and wholeheartedly accepted. We hope that we can end the semester with a bang.

With such events as Northwest Week, Earth Week and the blood drive all rapidly approaching, we are sure to end our year on a positive and successful note.

Northwest Week, April 15-19, is sure to be an exciting and fun-filled celebration. The week is being kicked off with the Student-Faculty Hog Roast at the Bell Tower at 4 p.m. Monday, April 15.

Also on Monday is the Delta Zeta Big Man on Campus competition, which will take place at 7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Tower Service Awards are on Wednesday in the University Conference Center. The Tower Queen will be crowned at the Bell Tower on Wednesday as well.

As the action continues, the Second Annual Marypallooza will be Thursday's highlight with a multitude of bands and the fan-favorite carnival.

Student Senate elections will take place Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, via the computer. Candidates will be campaigning



DEB SMITH

Northwest Week, Marypallooza, Tower Service Awards, blood drive round out year

throughout the week. There is still plenty of time to become involved. Senate is always looking for enthusiastic and aspiring leaders! Come by the office on the second floor of the Student Union for more information.

In conjunction with Northwest Week, Senate is also promoting a cleaner, safer environment through its involvement with Earth Week. There will be several events focusing on our environ-

ment and the impact humans have upon it. Northwest is our home, not just our school and it is our responsibility to treat it as such. We encourage everyone to join in the fun and become more Earth-conscious.

On Monday, Senate is sponsoring its semi-annual blood drive. We hope to reach our goal of 200 units this year. Please call 562-1218 to support this worthwhile endeavor and give the gift of life.

With the semester quickly coming to an end, we at Student Senate would like to take this time to express our pride at having had the opportunity to serve you this year, and we hope that the past school year has been as fulfilling for you as it has been for all of us.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events and thank you for your continued support. We urge everyone to show your interest in the Northwest community by coming to Student Senate meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the University Club North in the Student Union.

Deb Smith is the executive vice president for Student Senate.

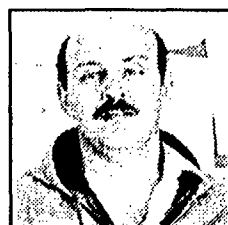
YourTurn

Do you think the v-chip will be successful? Why or why not?



Sarah Graham
Nebbs worker

"I don't really think it is necessary. I guess I feel like the parents should have control over what their children watch. They should be close enough to their children to realize what they are watching."



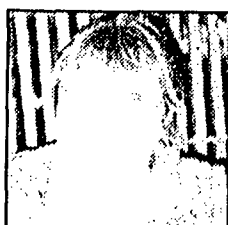
Dave Clements
Nebbs engineer

"I think the v-chip will probably help, but I think ultimately the censorship that the v-chip represents should be in the hands of the parents of the children."



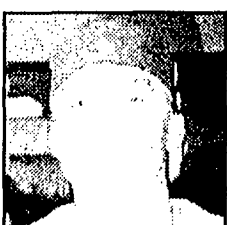
Ame Atkins
certified nurses aid

"I think the parents should have the responsibility because it's their kids. If they want their kids to watch it, then they can watch it. If they don't, then they don't need to watch it."



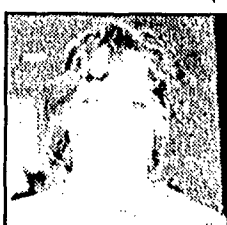
Tena Barrett
office information systems major

"No, I don't think so because if parents care enough to program it that way, they probably care enough about their kids to watch what they are doing anyway without the v-chip."



Jason Hayles
finance major

"I don't feel the v-chip will be very effective because kids are going to find a way to watch any show they want to watch."



Sarah Scott
finance major

"It is a good idea because I think violence and crime have corrupted kids because they don't need to be seeing that on television. Wait until they get to an age where they are mature enough to understand what is going on."

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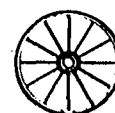
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Calendar

Thursday, March 21

8 a.m. - Spring plant sale in Garrett-Strong
11 a.m. - Kappa Sigma computer dating in the Union
2 p.m. - Men's tennis at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.
8 p.m. - United in Harmony benefit concert in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Friday, March 22

Last day to withdraw from Northwest
Baseball vs. Washburn
8 a.m. - Spring plant sale in Garrett-Strong
3 p.m. - Men's and women's tennis vs. Graceland College at Grube Courts

Saturday, March 23

noon - Baseball vs. Washburn at Bearcat Field
2 p.m. - Softball at Washburn in Topeka, Kan.

Sunday, March 24

noon - Baseball vs. Washburn at Bearcat Field, Softball at Emporia State in Emporia Kan.
7 p.m. - Concert of Brass and Bells in the Mary Linn

Monday, March 25

Student payday
10 a.m. - Blood drive in the Ballroom

Tuesday, March 26

Softball vs. Dana College at Beal Park

Wednesday, March 27

1 p.m. - Baseball vs. Central Methodist at Bearcat Field

Thursday, March 28

Nonfat bake sale in the Garrett-Strong lobby and Administration Building lobby
7 p.m. - Iowa State professor Don Beitz lecture in G-S 219.



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Yusef Komunyakaa recites his poem at the Conference center Wednesday night. Some of Komunyakaa's poetry dealt with his childhood, basketball, and the Vietnam

war. He is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and is a professor at the University of Indiana. Audience members seemed to enjoy the show.

Poet satisfies audience

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The room sat silent as the poet walked to the podium and cleared his throat. When he finally spoke, the words moved the crowd of to listen to his words carefully.

Yusef Komunyakaa presented his poetry Wednesday night in the Taylor Room of the University Conference Center.

Komunyakaa is a 1994 Pulitzer Prize-winning poet who has published several books and is a pro-

fessor at the University of Indiana.

Komunyakaa's poetry is based on his childhood, living in the city and his experiences with the conflict in Vietnam. One of his poems, "Blasphemy," is dedicated to a South African painter who was tried for heresy because of the subject matter in his works.

The audience gave Komunyakaa a standing ovation after the reading.

"I like the poems 'The Deck' and 'My Father's Love Letters,'" English professor Greg Roper said.

Many in the audience were hear-

ing Komunyakaa's work for the first time Wednesday.

"I enjoyed it, but I wish I would have been more familiar with his works," English major Deanna Koelliker said.

Despite Komunyakaa's lack of fame in this area, his performance prompted one audience member to want more.

"This is the first time I've heard his poetry, and I'm eager to read more of his work," Dennis Vinzant, Ravenwood High School English teacher said.

Department gains honors

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's foreign language department has gone from a small, overlooked department to a nationally recognized one in a matter of a few years. Now, they are trying to move into the upper echelon of foreign language departments in the nation.

One of the major areas of improvement has come in the German area.

German native and professor Christel Ortmann said the progress the German section of the program has made has been rapid.

"Five years ago, there was no German at Northwest," Ortmann said. "And then, a couple of years ago, they brought me in. The first semester I had one night class with a few stu-

dents. The next semester I had two classes, the next three. It has grown to the point now where we have an actual minor in German."

The German program has been rewarded for its hard work by being granted the right to give the Profung Wirtschaftsdeutsch International certification exam. This exam is recognized worldwide as proof of a student's excellence in the German language and is supervised by the German-American Chamber of Commerce.

Ortmann said Northwest will be the only location to take the exam in the Midwest region.

"We'll be drawing in students from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and all over the Midwest because no one else is certified to give this exam in the region," Ortmann said.

Piano forces delay

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Beautiful music was made and postponed this week.

Richard Bobo, professor of music, postponed his recital when the leg on his piano split. He rescheduled for April 3.

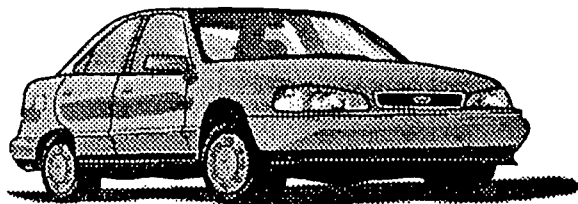
Bobo's recital will feature works by Charles Griffes, Muzio Clementi, Claude Debussy and Chopin.

A student recital Sunday will feature students of Bobo and Ernest Kramer, associate professor of music.

The students performed piano cycles "Papillons" and "Kinderszenen" written by composer Robert Schumann.

Bobo is currently working on an anthology of intermediate piano studies that can be used at student recitals. It is designed to work out technical problems to help students sound better when they play.

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Blood drive takes place Monday

JENNIE NELSON
CHIEF REPORTER

Students will receive the opportunity to give the "gift of life" as the spring blood drive comes to campus next week.

The annual blood drive will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Michelle Krambeck, Student Senate blood drive chair, said Northwest is expected to provide a lot of blood during the day.

"They expect to get a lot of blood from here," Krambeck said. "We're known of all the colleges to donate the most and we need to give them what they expect."

Students who donate will be eli-

gible to receive prizes from the community, such as free tanning sessions and other local business products, Krambeck said. About two prizes per hour will be drawn.

To donate, students must be at least 17, weigh 100 pounds and not have taken antibiotics within the last seven days or received a tattoo in the last year.

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